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An Act To Amend the Charter of the Winterport Water District

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 50, section 8 gave the Winterport Water District authority to disconnect water for nonpayment of sewer service until 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature; and

Whereas, Private and Special Law 2007, chapter 8 extended that authority until 90 days after the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and

Whereas, the Public Utilities Commission has monitored the district's use of the authority granted under Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 50, section 8 and has recommended that authority granted under Private and Special Law 2005, chapter 50, section 8 continue; and

Whereas, the authority to disconnect water for nonpayment of sewer service will cease 90 days after the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 124th Legislature; and

Whereas, if this legislation is not an emergency, the Winterport Water District's authority to disconnect water for nonpayment of sewer service will cease; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. P&SL 1969, c. 94, section 18-E, 2nd ¶, as amended by P&SL 2007, c. 8, §1, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill repeals language that would discontinue the Winterport Water District's authority to disconnect water of the users of the district's sewer system for nonpayment of sewer service.